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1. Hasse & Wrede had a trepanning lathe which was used to bore the inside of its heavy lathe spindles, but did not build trepanning lathes. At one time Hasse & Wrede built a so-called "barrel turret lathes", which had in the place of the turret head, a drum which carried six to eight barrels, which in turn carried the tools. These machines were used primarily for the production of detonators.
2. The well-known company, Schilling & Kraemer, was recently requested by the Soviet Zone government to resume the building of rifle barrel boring lathes, which it formerly built. After receiving the request, Mr Schilling escaped into West Berlin.
3. Whenever inexpensive trepanning lathes appear on the market they are used and reconditioned machines originating in the "Bundesgebiet". There are still a number of such machines available, and their owners are inclined to recondition them for sale. This provides the opportunity to make unusually favorable bids. Two machines are said to be available from one jobber. These machines have the following dimensions:

Height of Point	300 mm	300mm
Depth of Bore	1500 mm	2000mm
Largest Bore Diameter	125 mm	200mm
Weight:	about 6.5 tons	about 6.5 tons

4. 25X1X [REDACTED] trepanning lathes are not being built by Deutsche Niles. It is generally known, however, that there is a constant development of new machines there, which are built only once and disappear to the East.
5. It is suspected that trepanning lathes are being produced at the Becker plant in Kirchmoser. Becker used to be a very large plant for the production of railroad equipment, and was located in Brandenburg. It had expanded its facilities for war work. It is impossible to ascertain whether or not the lathes it produces are exported from there to foreign countries, but it is suspected that this is the case.

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